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JULY DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$24,300 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received \$2,887.31 in donations and newsletter advertisements- we have \$21,412.69 to go by June 30, 2015. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. An \$8 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of Remember, HBNW is a non-profit appreciation. organization; donations are tax deductible.

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics. Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

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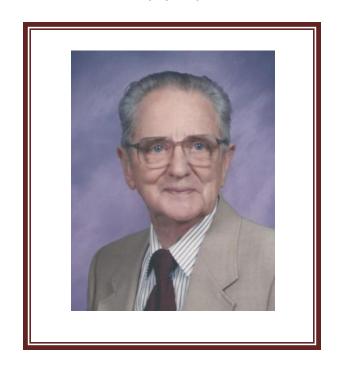
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<u>Huntington Beach Police Department</u>
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Thank you for your service and the sacrifices you have made to help keep us and our community safer. You will be deeply missed.

Data Breaches, Medical Identity Theft, and Fraud

www.consumer-action.org/modules

Will I be notified of a data breach?

California law requires any company that collects personal information to notify all California residents in its database if there is a breach of their unencrypted personal information, including medical and health insurance information.

The notice must include the date and time of the breach, a general description of the incident, and the types of information at risk. It also must include the toll-free telephone numbers and addresses of the major credit reporting agencies if the breach exposed a Social Security number or a driver's license or California ID card number.

You can view or search a list of data breaches on the California Attorney general's website (http://oag.ca.gov/ecrime/databreach/list).

What should I do if I'm notified that my information has been breached?

That depends on what parts of your personal information have been accessed. Read Privacy Rights Clearinghouse's "Fact Sheet 17b: How to Deal with a Security Breach" (https://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17b-SecurityBreach.htm) to find out what steps to take to protect yourself after the incident. These steps might include filing a police report, monitoring your credit reports, using a fraud alert, or notifying your creditors, health care providers, medical insurance provider and others.

What is medical identity theft?

Medical identity theft occurs when someone steals your personal information---often your health insurance account number, your Medicare or Medi-Cal number or your Social Security number---and uses it to obtain health care, prescriptions and other medical services in your name or make false insurance claims to medical goods and services. Your medical coverage information can be stolen in a variety of ways, including directly from your medical records, from a form you fill out, or from ID cards you keep in your wallet.

What are the possible repercussions of medical identity theft?

- The repercussions of medical identity theft can be very serious:
- Your health care provider could treat you for a disease you don't have, prescribe a medication you are allergic to, not prescribe a necessary medication because your records mistakenly show you are already taking it, or give you the wrong blood in a transfusion because your record reflects the identity thief's blood type.
- You could be denied insurance coverage (life or long-term care, for example) because the underwriter believes you had a serious disease you don't have. You could be turned down for a job or promotion because your health record makes it look like you have a medical issue that would not allow you to perform new job duties.
- You could be asked to pay for medical services that would normally be covered by your insurance because the identity thief has caused you to reach the coverage limit under your policy.
- You could be contacted by collectors because the identity thief has run up unpaid medical bills. Your credit score could be damaged, leading to declined loan applications or higher interest rates when you borrow.

What are the signs of medical ID theft?

Some signs of medical identity theft are:

- Medical bills for services you have not received;
- Calls from collectors about medical bills you don't recognize; and
- Being told you've reached your medical insurance coverage limit even though you don't believe you have.

How can I prevent medical identity theft?

You can reduce the chances of becoming a medical identity theft victim by taking some precautions:

- Keep health care records, insurance statements, bills and other medical paperwork filed in a safe place, and shred what you don't need to keep.
- If possible, try to avoid giving out your Social Security number or try to limit it to the last four digits.

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- Review all medical bills, the insurance "explanation of benefits" you received after each visit or claim, and any other paperwork related to your medical treatment and health insurance carefully to be sure you were the one to receive all the services, treatments, prescriptions, tests or supplies described. Contact the health care provider or your health plan or insurance company to go over anything that looks inaccurate.
- Don't give out your sensitive information in exchange for "free" medical services, tests, drug samples, etc.

What should I do if I'm a victim of medical identity theft?

The Federal Trade Commission (http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0171-medical-identity-theft) and the World Privacy Forum (http://www.worldprivacyforum.org/medidtheft consumertips.html) both offer detailed information about dealing with medical identity theft, from filing a police report or Identity Theft Affidavit to removing erroneous information from your medical records.

Assistance and information

See the "Health Records privacy in California: Protecting your privacy as patient records go digital" brochure for information about where to file a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. The following are resources that provide additional information about your health records privacy rights:

California Attorney General's Office (http://oag.ca.gov): In addition to taking privacy complaints, the AG's office offers a "Consumer Guide to Health Information privacy in California" (http://oag.ca.gov?privacy/facts/medical-privacy/patient-rights) on its website.

California Office of Health Information Integrity (CalOHII)

(<u>www.ohii.ca.gov/calohi</u>): Site visitors will find extensive information about California medical privacy laws and enforcement. The "Patient FAQ" (<u>www.ohii.ca.gov/privacy360/Patients/PatientFAQ.aspx</u>), "Provider FAQ" (<u>www.ohii.ca.gov/privacy360/Providers/ProviderFAQ.aspx</u>) and "Individual's rights to Medical Information Privacy-FAQs" http://www.ohii.ca.gov/calohi/MedicalPrivacyEnforcement/ReportingViolation/FAQs.aspx) pages are particularly helpful.

California Patient's Guide (www.calpatientguide.org): Prepared by Consumer Watchdog, the guide includes a section on medical records and confidentiality.

Medical Board of California (http://www.mbc.ca.gov): Among other topics, the California Medical Board's website include pages on patient access to medical records (http://www.mbc.ca.gov/consumer/access_records.html) and related questions and answers (http://www.mbc.ca.gov/consumer/complaint_info_questions_records.html).

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (www.privacyrights.org): Offers a large online library of materials on medical privacy (https://www.privacyrights.org/Medical-Privacy) and electronic health records exchange, some of it California-specific.







On Thursday, Sept 18th, join Huntington Beach Police Officers for dinner and fun as they help raise funds for the Special Olympics. Officers and police personnel will be assisting to serve your dinner and refreshments. We hope you will consider giving them an extra tip that will go towards the Special Olympics. There will be a silent auction, raffles, our antique police car, the SWAT vehicle ("BEAR") and much more. Enjoy a good meal, spend time with friends, meet the Officers and other personnel, and be a part of all the activities and fun, all for a good cause.

Look for more information in next month's newsletter. The date and location are below; be sure to mark your calendar and tell a friend:

Thursday, September 18, 2014 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. California Pizza Kitchen
7851 Edinger Ave (Bella Terra) in Huntington Beach

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-9. Your RD (Reporting District) is the halfmile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

31 reported 06/16/14 - 07/15/14 33 reported 05/16/14 - 06/15/14

Eleven of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Twelve of these burglaries were committed during the day; six were committed at night, and thirteen at an unknown time.

There were five garage entries.

There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

38 reported 06/16/14 - 07/15/14 26 reported 05/16/14 - 06/15/14

GRAND THEFT AUTO

20 reported 06/15/14 - 07/15/14 37 reported 05/16/14 - 06/15/14

BEAT 2

6 Residential Burglaries
4 Vehicle Burglaries

4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 454-1 RD 457-1 RD 466-1 RD 477-1 RD 486-1

Streets: Delaware St., Van Ness Ct., Suntan Cir., Shackleford Cir., Starfire Ln., and Port Clyde Dr.

In RD 452, Delaware St., suspect is known.

In RD 466, Shackleford Cir., unknown suspect(s) enters opened garage and removes an unlocked bicycle then flees in an unknown direction.

In RD 477, Starfire Ln., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 486 Port Clyde Dr., unknown suspect(s) entered garage and stole multiple tools.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 452-1 RD 453-1 RD 462-1 RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 452-1 RD 453-1 RD 456-1 RD 476-1

BEAT 3

9 Residential Burglaries 2 Vehicle Burglaries 2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 423-1 RD 433-2 RD 434-1 RD 435-1 RD 436-1 RD 442-2 RD 444-1

Streets: Deauville dr., Weems Ln., Anchorage Dr., Veronica Dr., Charing Cross Dr., England St., Nashville Ave., and Larthorn Dr.

In RD 423, Deauville Dr., it appears the suspect(s) used a dumbbell to shatter the bedroom window double pane glass to gain entry.

In RD 433 Weems Ln., it appears an unknown suspect(s) entered through an open gate and cut the mesh window screen with a sharp object. The suspect entered through the window, walked approximately ten feet to the dining room, grabbed the purse that was on the kitchen table, walked approximately seven feet to the sliding glass door, unlocked the door, and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 433 Weems Ln., it appears the suspect(s) entered the residence through the rear sliding glass door (unknown if pried or forced open).

In RD 434, Anchorage Dr., suspect described as male, possibly white or Hispanic, approximately 5'5", with dark hair. The suspect was wearing a red sweatshirt and blue jeans.

In RD 442 Nashville Ave., suspect(s) described as: Suspect #1: Asian male in his mid 20's, 5'10", 250 lbs., obese build, black regular length hair, wearing khaki shorts and an unknown color button up Hawaiian style shirt. Suspect #2: White male in his 30's, 5'10", 160 lbs with thin build, dirty blonde short hair, wearing blue jeans and a light brown shirt.

Vehicle Burglaries RD 427-1 RD 443-1

Grand Theft Auto RD 433-1 RD 442-1

BEAT 4

4 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 451-4

Streets: Pacific Coast Hwy., 11^{th} St., 19^{th} St., and 7^{th} St.

In RD 451, 11th St., Unknown suspect(s) entered a garage, removed a bicycle and fled in an unknown direction.

In RD 451, 19th St., unknown suspect(s) pried open a screen window attempting to gain entry.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 359-1 RD 451-1 RD 461-1

Grand Theft Auto RD 338-1 RD 461-1

BEAT 5

3 Residential Burglaries 7 Vehicle Burglaries 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 413-1 RD 432-2

Streets: Demion Ln., Venice Ave., and Florida St.

In RD 413, Demion Ln., unknown suspect(s) made entry into a secured garage, took property and fled in an unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 412-2 RD 422-2 RD 432-2

Grand Theft Auto RD 412-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

BEAT 6

4 Residential Burglaries 2 Vehicle Burglaries 0 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 264-1 RD 272-1 RD 283-2

Streets: Rockcreek Cir., Beach Blvd., Benjamin Dr., and Slater Ave.

In RD 272 Beach Blvd., unknown suspect(s) cut the lock off victims' gym locker to steal items then fled.

In RD 283, Benjamin Dr., it appeared the north facing slider door had several scratches on the outside of the handle and it appeared to have been pried open. Also, the metal latch on the door frame had been bent as though the slider had been forced open.

Vehicle Burglaries RD 272-1 RD 283-1

Grand Theft Auto
None reported.

BEAT 7

1 Residential Burglary
7 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 261-1

Streets: LaMancha Cir.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 159-1 RD 169-1 RD 178-1 RD 253-3

RD 262-1

Grand Theft Auto RD 168-1 RD 262-3

BEAT 8

3 Residential Burglaries 3 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 152-1 RD 165-1

RD 166-1

Streets: Bandit Cir., Hoskins Ln., and Barclay Ln.

In RD 152, Bandit Cir., it appears the unknown suspect(s) entered the open garage door, removed a set of golf clubs, and left in an unknown direction. In RD 165, Hoskins Ln., it appears the unknown suspect(s) removed the screen from a bedroom window and lifted it off the tracks to gain entry.

In RD 166, Barclay Ln., it appears an unknown suspect smashed the sliding glass door to gain entry.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157-1 RD 165-1 RD 171-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 156-1 RD 162-1 RD 163-1

BEAT 9

1 Residential Burglary 10 Vehicle Burglaries 4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries RD 128-1

Streets: Briar Cliff Dr.

In RD 128, Briar Cliff Dr., it appears the unknown suspect(s) forced open the front door to the gain entry and left the same way.

Vehicle Burglaries RD 148-1 RD 242-9

Grand Theft Auto RD 241-3 RD 292-1

We are presently accepting applications for advertisements in our HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. The spaces available are approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (length) x 3" (height) and 3" (length) x 2" (height).

Your advertisement will be located on page 7 of our newsletter.

You will need to submit your advertisement in Word or PDF format and we request that you make a 6 month commitment.

If you would like more information or have any questions please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt,

HBPD Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933.

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H.B. Neighborhood Watch Board members provide speakers and materials for *Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings*. To arrange a meeting please call Nilda Patiño de Berndt, Community Relations Specialist, at 714-536-5933 or ask one of your Neighborhood Watch Board Members.

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- If you presently receive the newsletter by mail, your name and address as it appears on your mailing label (so you can be deleted from that list).
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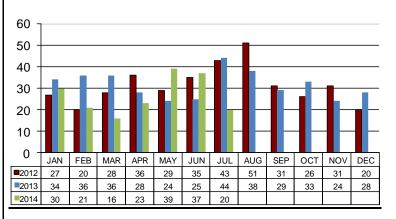




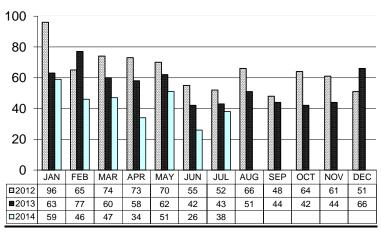
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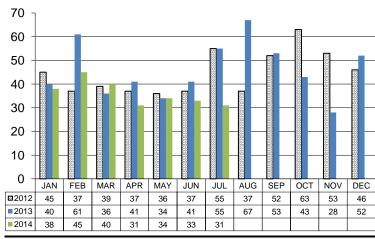
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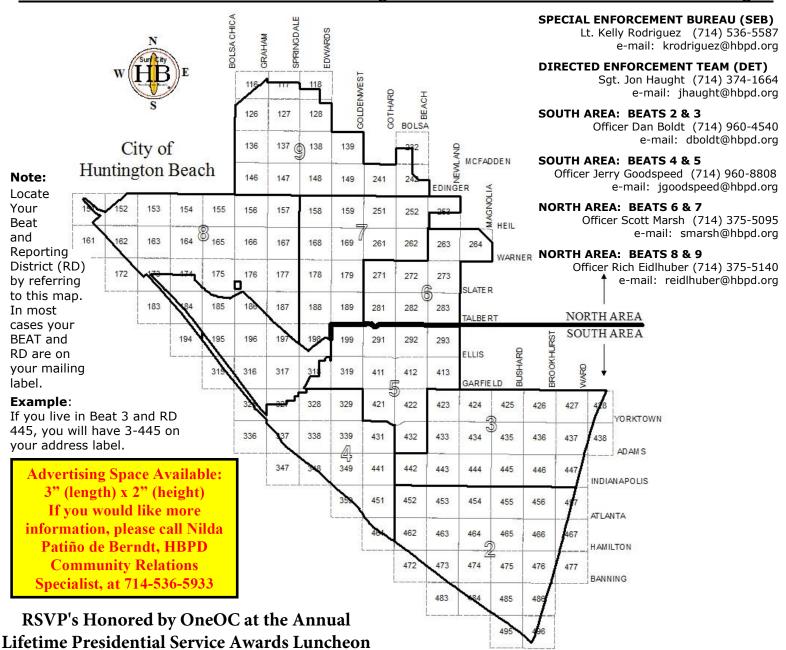


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l-r: N. Berndt, HBPD CRS, Jack Warnitz, Stan Helfman, Shirley Spiegel, Jay Waggoner, and Ken Katz

RSVP members honored but not in attendance were: Donald Bayhan*, Ruth Brisky, Leon Heimkes*, Beverly Olander, Flo Pach*, Barbara Rainey*, and Dee Zimmerman*

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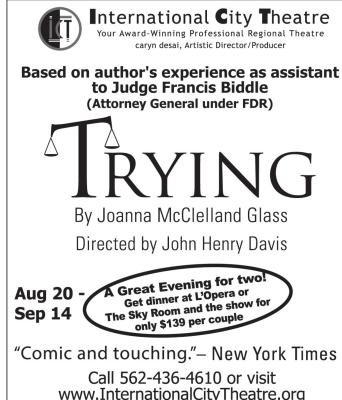
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